

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendment to claim 13 which is presented in this Supplemental Amendment was inadvertently omitted from the response filed on November 21, 2006. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner is requested in light of the claims as now presented and the remarks accompanying the November 21, 2006 response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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